

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 721

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Barton F. and Odessa Woolum  
on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding  
anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those  
successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as examples for present and  
future generations; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 1950, Barton F. and Odessa Woolum were joined in holy  
matrimony, in Etowah, Tennessee, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced  
the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and  
sorrows; and

WHEREAS, a popular and highly regarded student, Bart attended Lincoln Memorial  
University, in Harrogate; and

WHEREAS, he taught for four years, two at Joyner and two at Pine Orchard; and

WHEREAS, his next job was at the Tennessee Valley Authority; and

WHEREAS, Bart next served his country bravely during World War II from December 10,  
1942 to October 24, 1945, seeing service in the Aleutian Islands on Adak; and

WHEREAS, after returning home, he served admirably as Morgan County Trustee for  
four productive years, having been elected to that post in 1956; and

WHEREAS, Bart also served his community as a valued member of the Election Commission for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, for several years, he served with diligence and dedication as a foreman at Russ Engineering Company; and

WHEREAS, after retiring in 1970, Bart began farming and raising cattle. He started the “Bart Woolum Farm” which has become a highly successful business; and

WHEREAS, Odessa worked in Oak Ridge from 1945-1946 and transferred to New Mexico, after World War II; and

WHEREAS, she worked as a long distance operator for the Mountain State and Pacific Telephone Company, in Phoenix, Arizona and was highly praised for her competence and strong work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Odessa then worked for Harriman Hosiery Mill and Woolum Mill in Harriman, Tennessee. She received many compliments for her work; and

WHEREAS, she would say that her most important work was supporting Bart and her family for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Bart and Odessa are the proud parents of son, Wayne, who is married to Ruann and have two granddaughters, Frances and Hannah Woolum; and

WHEREAS, for years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as theirs are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Barton F. and Odessa Woolum on the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary and extend our best wishes for a joyous commemoration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be furnished to this happy couple, with this final resolving clause deleted.